

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING JULY 17, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Hot, mostly dry weather continued its dominance across the State, draining soil moisture levels and hindering not only crop growth, but also negatively impacting many livestock herds, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture was reported at 81 percent short to very short, compared with 52 percent last year and a 5-year average of 77 percent. The amount of pasture and range land reported in good to excellent condition (29 percent) was approximately half of what it was at the same time last year. Reports from Dona Ana County indicated that the extreme heat caused milk production to decline, and pushed many dairy cows to seek whatever shade was available. Statewide, average temperatures varied from 1 degree below to 11 degrees above normal. Daytime highs at or above the century mark were recorded at 24 of the 46 reporting weather stations, and ranged from 85 degrees at Eagle Nest to 110 degrees at Carlsbad and Roswell. Overnight lows varied from 36 degrees at Chama to 71 degrees at Truth or Consequences. Measurable rainfall was isolated, with accumulation of at least 0.01 inch limited to 16 weather stations across the State. The largest rainfall accumulation was reported at Cloudcroft, where 0.40 inch fell. As of July 17, year-to-date precipitation was at or above normal at just 3 locations Statewide. Summer heat was reported as being above average in Union County, with many days of temperatures over 100 degrees and little to no moisture. Broom snakeweed had become a problem in pastures, as had grasshoppers in the northern part of the county. Virtually all of the cabbage acreage across the State was harvested, while the onion harvest was advancing slightly ahead of normal. Producers had harvested 93 percent of this year's winter wheat crop, 14 percentage points ahead of last year and 5 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Alfalfa hay harvest was advancing at a near-normal pace, with growers in southern counties beginning their fourth cutting. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 34 percent light and 5 percent moderate. Stock water supplies were reported as 11 percent very short, 21 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	86	82	82	93
3 rd cutting harvested	58	51	48	71
4 th cutting harvested	6	NA	2	6
Corn				
Emerged	95	90	99	99
Silking	20	14	16	32
Cotton				
Squaring	59	45	47	70
Setting bolls.....	12	NA	29	34
Onions				
Harvested	85	74	94	83
Peanuts				
Emerged	96	88	95	NA
Sorghum				
Emerged	93	81	96	NA
Headed	10	3	3	2
Winter wheat				
Harvested	93	88	79	88

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	7.0	6.8	6.6	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	20	16	15	43
Short	61	63	37	34
Adequate	19	21	46	22
Surplus	--	--	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	16	11	11	NA
Short	45	44	26	NA
Adequate	39	45	62	NA
Surplus	--	--	1	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	3	3	6	5
Fair.....	44	44	22	33
Good	45	46	44	44
Excellent	8	7	28	15
Chile				
Very poor	1	3	--	NA
Poor.....	7	12	5	NA
Fair.....	16	16	26	NA
Good	56	48	49	NA
Excellent	20	21	20	NA
Corn				
Very poor	1	--	--	1
Poor.....	2	1	--	4
Fair.....	32	30	11	38
Good	47	51	52	30
Excellent	18	18	37	27
Cotton				
Very poor	2	3	--	2
Poor.....	21	30	1	13
Fair.....	31	27	37	36
Good	32	28	52	33
Excellent	14	12	10	16
Pasture and range				
Very poor	3	3	4	33
Poor.....	21	19	7	32
Fair.....	47	46	32	20
Good	27	29	45	12
Excellent	2	3	12	3
Peanut				
Very poor	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	--	--	--	12
Fair.....	91	100	65	71
Good	9	--	29	13
Excellent	--	--	6	1
Pecan				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	1	1
Fair.....	6	9	14	24
Good	41	47	75	65
Excellent	53	44	10	10
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	15
Poor.....	2	1	--	11
Fair.....	77	72	17	40
Good	20	26	81	33
Excellent	1	1	2	1
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	4	3	2	NA
Fair.....	36	33	24	NA
Good	53	55	64	NA
Excellent	5	7	9	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	12	12	15	NA
Poor.....	11	11	15	NA
Fair.....	19	18	14	NA
Good	54	56	52	NA
Excellent	4	3	4	NA

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New Mexico’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/NM_Weather_07172016.pdf